

House Resolution 660

By: Representatives Coleman of the 97th, Thomas of the 100th, Floyd of the 99th, Sheldon of the 105th, Cox of the 102nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending the Atlanta Chapter of the National Railway Historical
2 Society on the occasion of its 50th anniversary; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, chartered in March of 1959, the Atlanta Chapter of the National Railway
4 Historical Society (NRHS) celebrates 50 years of railway education and appreciation on
5 March 22, 2009, at Georgia's Official Transportation Museum, the Southeastern Railway
6 Museum; and

7 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Chapter of the NRHS began with the purpose of saving steam
8 engine 290 located at Lakewood Fairgrounds; and

9 WHEREAS, in its early years, the Atlanta Chapter of the NRHS provided the public with
10 access to steam powered railroad excursions, with a trip on the Gainesville Midland Railroad
11 in 1959; and

12 WHEREAS, this dedicated group of train fanatics has been responsible for the preservation
13 and restoration of American history with the restoration of The National Register of Historic
14 Places' 1911 Superb Pullman car and saving over 90 historic railroad locomotives; and

15 WHEREAS, the Atlanta Chapter of the NRHS has operated the Southeastern Railway
16 Museum since 1970 and was responsible for moving the museum to its current location in
17 Duluth, Georgia, in 1998; and

18 WHEREAS, through the Southeastern Railway Museum, the Atlanta Chapter of the NRHS
19 educates and informs Georgians and visitors of all generations through exhibits, train rides,
20 school group tours, scout activities, special visiting exhibits, and many other activities; and

21 WHEREAS, the museum displays many fascinating relics from the Georgia area such as fire
22 engines, steam tractors, tools, uniforms, station artifacts, streetcars and trolleys, railway
23 china, and model trains that serve to transform visitors back in time; and

24 WHEREAS, in 2008, the Atlanta Chapter of the NRHS undertook the ambitious and
25 important project of relocating and restoring the Duluth Depot that dates back to 1871 in
26 order to preserve this priceless historical building with rich traditions; and

27 WHEREAS, the impressive and important 50 year history of the Atlanta Chapter of the
28 NRHS is worthy of recognition.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 the members of this body commend the Atlanta Chapter of the National Railway Historical
31 Society for its dedication to preserving the past and congratulate the organization on the
32 occasion of its 50th anniversary.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Atlanta Chapter of the
35 National Railway Historical Society.